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ALWAYS FOR LIBERTY AND THE PUBLICK GOOD.

High HEAVEN *to* GRACIOUS ENDS *directs the* STORM!

An act declaring what ſhall be TREASON.

WHEREAS divers opinions may be what caſe ſhall be adjudged treaſon, and what not: *BE it enacted by the General Aſſembly of the commonwealth of* Virginia, that if a man do levy war againſt this commonwealth in the ſame, or be adherent to the enemies of the commonwealth within the ſame, giving to them aid and comfort in the commonwealth or elſewhere, and thereof be legally convicted of open deed by the evidence of two ſufficient and lawful witneſſes, or their own voluntary confeſſion, the caſes above rehearſed ſhall be judged treaſon which extendeth to the commonwealth, and the perſon ſo convicted ſhall ſuffer death without benefit of clergy, and forfeit his lands and chattles to the commonwealth, ſaving to the widows of ſuch offenders their dower in the lands.

PROVIDED always, and it is enacted, that no ſuch attainder ſhall work any corruption of blood.

AND it is farther enacted by the authority aforeſaid, that the Governour, or in caſe of his death, inability, or neceſſary abſence, the Counſellor who acts as preſident, ſhall in no wiſe have or exerciſe a right of granting pardon to any perſon or perſons convicted in manner aforeſaid, but may ſuſpend the execution until the meeting of the General Aſſembly, who ſhall determine whether ſuch perſon or perſons are proper objects of mercy or not, and order accordingly.

At a committee held for KING GEORGE *county, October* 3, 1776.

THE ſub-committee for the upper diſtrict, who were directed by an order of the committee of the 10th of laſt month to tender the oath preſcribed by the late Convention to all ſuſpected perſons within their diſtrict, having reported, that they had tendered the ſame to the following perſons, inhabitants of the town of Falmouth, viz. *David Briggs*, *William Love*, *James Robiſon*, *Edward Moore*, *George Hamilton*, *William Blair*, *Dugald Bannatyne*, and *Robert Dunbar*, who all refuſed to take the ſame, it is ordered, that they be ſeverally diſarmed, and deprived of their ammunition, as the ſaid reſolution requires; and that the clerk tranſmit a copy of the entry on the minutes reſpecting them to mr. PURDIE, to be publiſhed in the Gazette.

THOMAS JETT, chairman *pro tempore*.
ANDREW WODROW, clerk.

LONDON, *Auguſt* 3.

YESTERDAY mr. alderman Lee laid a complaint before the lord mayor againſt capt. Roſs, who was one of the perſons that brought home the Yankey privateer, for aſſaulting him on the Royal Exchange, by running his fiſt in his face, and ſaying, that was not a proper place to ſettle the matter, &c. which made it believed the alderman was in danger of his life; whereupon the lord mayor granted a warrant for apprehending the ſaid capt. Roſs, that he may be brought to juſtice. The diſpute began about ſome letters that had been intercepted.

The account of the ſafe arrival of the Weſt Indiamen in the provincial ports has quite diſpirited the underwriters, as they had hopes that they might have been met with by ſome of our frigates and retaken.

By a gentleman juſt arrived from Paris, the anſwer which lord Stormont had juſt received from that court was the talk at all the Engliſh *ruelles*, and other places where the company dared talk politicks, and it is ſaid to be as follows: Lord Stormont, according to his inſtructions, repeatedly demanded of the French miniſter the cauſe and intent of their armaments both by ſea and land; to which he for ſome time received evaſive anſwers, yet ſuch as ſeemed to breathe the ſpirit of peace. However, being lately farther inſtructed to demand a categorical anſwer, he was told, "that as the French court had always remained ſilent in regard to putting ſimilar queſtions whenever Great Britain thought proper to increaſe her armaments, it was but handſome on the part of Great Britain to obſerve the ſame ſilence; that his lordſhip had already received what the French court thought a proper anſwer, to which, and to which alone, they muſt then refer him."

We are credibly informed, that the unprovided debt already incurred, and to be incurred, by the expiration of the year 1776, under the heads of navy, victualling, army, and ordnance, will exceed eight millions ſterling. The tranſport ſervice alone, it is affirmed, amounts to the enormous ſum of 250,000l. per month. Judge, ye proprietors in the funds, where this will ſhortly end.

Aug. 19. A correſpondent informs us, that in conſequence of a late reſolution of the cabinet warrants of a peculiar nature are ſoon to be iſſued, for the purpoſe of apprehending ſeveral Americans, who were well known to have taken an active part againſt government, in conſequence of which a gentleman from New York has retired to ſome part of France. Some others, who have lately loſt veſſels, laden with military ſtores for the uſe of the Congreſs, intend alſo in a few days to ſet out for the continent. There are ſeveral other perſons of leſs conſequence from America, who, we are told, have either already removed from London, for the benefit of their healths, or intend, very ſoon, to take a tour to ſome diſtant part of the country.

Six ſmall ſhips are now fitting out in the river, as privateers, to cruiſe about the Windward Paſſage, in order to protect the homeward bound Jamaica ſhips.

Aug. 21. News of the utmoſt importance is now hourly expected from the American continent. Government wait for it with trembling expectation, and the *bulls* and *bears* in Change Alley are making their neceſſary arrangements, in order to take the benefit, if poſſible, of the firſt advices.

Notwithſtanding adminiſtration, and their tools, are ſo ready to aſſure the world that the preparations of the French and Spaniards mean nothing inimical to Great Britain, yet have they occaſioned ſome ſevere debates in the interiour cabinet, owing to lord Clare propoſing it as his opinion that the houſe of Bourbon certainly means to break with us, and that if they refuſed a poſitive and categorical anſwer, it ought, in common ſenſe, to be deemed as a declaration of war. Sir Gilbert Elliot tended, with certain qualifications, to the ſame opinion; but the timid counſels of lord Mansfield prevailed, and orders were deſpatched to lord Stormont to negotiate in the old ſtrain.

After the above deliberation, the king told mr. Wedderburne what was going forward, and aſked his opinion. He gave it for no violent meaſure, but at all events to be prepared for the worſt by having a ſtout ſquadron of ſhips of the line ready at Spithead, which he thought the only means of avoiding a war, from a conviction that France will not engage in one if ſhe finds us properly armed.

The king had a conference with lord Sandwich on the ſtate of the fleet, in conſequence of the above repreſentation, but what the reſult of it was is not known. That great officer has all along declared, that he could have 20 ſail of the line ready in a month; and it deſerves attention, that for ſome weeks paſt they have been very buſy in the dockyards upon large ſhips, inſtead of frigates, which fully employed them before.

Lord Sandwich pretends, in common converſation, that the French preparations are mere gaſconades, for that they could not have ten ſail of the line in complete order at ſea in ſix months, inſtead of between 20 or 30, which French accounts talk of being ready at preſent. If he builds his own conduct on theſe advices, he may find himſelf as much deceived as when he aſſured the houſe of lords the Americans were all *cowards*.

We hear that a ſubſcription is juſt ſet on foot, by the patriotick party, to purchaſe the remainder of the *ſcaffolding* in Weſtminſter Hall *for the uſe of the miniſtry*.

In order to aſſiſt the recruiting ſervice, which goes on very ſlowly, conſidering the demand for men, new privileges will be offered to thoſe that ſhall enliſt; among the reſt, that at the end of the preſent diſpute they ſhall be toll free in every city and market town in England.

Aug. 24. The French court has ordered an exact review to be made of all the harbours, &c. in the kingdom, and alſo directed an exact account of their naval ſtrength to be ſent in with all poſſible expedition.

Friday laſt four ſhips were taken up into government ſervice, and ordered to be fitted out immediately as privateers, to ſail by the 4th of September at fartheſt.

GLOUCESTER, *Dec.* 10, 1776.

LAST *October* there was at *Sarah Leith's*, in *Glouceſter* county, a ſtray iron gray horſe about 13 hands and a half high, appeared to be young, paced, and was branded O. She confined and uſed the horſe for ſome weeks, but on the 3d of *November* one *John Muckwilliams* took him away, and rode him to *Frederickſburg*. He returned about the laſt of the month without him, and brought in his ſtead a ſmall bay horſe with a white face, and two white feet. The intention of this advertiſement is, that the owner may try to find his horſe. 2‖

For SALE,

THE remainder of my land in *James City*, containing 313 acres, all prime land under oak and hickory, except about 80 or 100,000 corn hills which are cleared, all freſh and good; and there are two meadows, which if cut down, and expoſed to the ſun, would render the land capable of being tended without farther trouble. There is a very pretty hill for buildings, convenient to as fine a boiling ſpring as any in *Virginia*. Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe may ſee the land by applying to mr. *Mancil Spencer*, who will be kind enough to ſhow every part of it; and I am convinced, whoever views the land, will find it agreeable to his wiſhes. My price is 626l. payments eaſy.

(4) JOHN TYLER.

For SALE,

A TRACT of LAND in *Orange* county, 8 miles from the courthouſe, containing 1000 acres; it lies 48 miles from *Frederickſburg*, on a place called the *Black Level*. This land lying under the *South Weſt* mountains, is remarkable for the produce of tobacco and corn. There are 200 acres of it cleared, and upwards of 100 acres of fine meadow land, alſo plenty of limeſtone, which produces the beſt lime with little burning, and on the plantation is a large apple and peach orchard. Mr. *Thomas Barber*, living near the premiſes, will ſhow the land, and is properly authoriſed to ſell it, for

‖ BURR HARRISON.

THE gentlemen of *North Carolina*, from whom I have purchaſed hogs, will pleaſe to deliver them as followeth, *viz.* *Eliſha Battle* and others, *John Whitaker* and others, and *William Ruffin*, will deliver their hogs to capt. *Nicholas Faulcon*, on the road three miles below *Cobham*. Col. *Thomas Pew* and ſon, *Thomas Davis*, *Joſeph Whitehead*, *Bennett Hill*, *Benjamin Rogers*, *William Williams*, and *Joſiah Riddick*, will deliver theirs to meſſ. *Pearce* and *Davis* of *Smithfield*. *John Smith* of *Johnſon* county, and *Iſaac Siſſums*, will deliver theirs to col. *William Acrill* at *Cobham*. *John Young*, *Willie Jones*, eſq; *Ezekiel Wimberley*, *John Bond*, *Jeſſe Barymore*, *Elizabeth Williams*, *Howel Edmunds*, *John Narſworthy*, and *Thomas Joyner*, will deliver theirs to capt. *Robert Tynes* near *Smithfield*. The above gentlemen will entertain the drivers, *&c.* while the hogs are killing, and pay the money for

2‖ JOHN HAWKINS.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD

WILL *be given to any perſon who will deliver me a dark bay horſe about* 14 *hands* 2 *inches high, formerly the property of mr.* Richard Charlton *of this city, at preſent belonging to capt.* Denney *of the artillery. His mark is ſomewhat remarkable, having an S on one of his buttocks (but which I do not remember) that appears very conſpicuous when curried, but hardly perceivable without. Whoever has the ſaid horſe will pleaſe to return him immediately to me in* York *town, or to mr.* Ruſſell *at capt.* Anderſon's *tavern. TEN POUNDS will be given for the thief, fully convicted.*

2‖ *WILLIAM PIERCE, jun.*

HALIFAX *county*, Dan *river*, *Dec.* 1, 1776.

WHEREAS my houſe was broke open in the night of the 25th ult. when I was abſent from home, and robbed of between 40 and 50 pounds in caſh, about 20 yards of *Virginia* cloth, a beaver hat, a bond of 50l. due to me from *Henry Bell* of *Buckingham* county, and ſundry other papers, with a ſmall ſeal ſkin trunk, I hereby forewarn all perſons from taking aſſignments on the papers, and will be much obliged to any one who will diſcover the thief. 2‖ WILLIAM KENT.

WHEREAS *a report has been circulated, by ſome evil minded perſons, that I have turned away meſſ.* Thomas Buckingham *and* Peter Terry, *for taking off my leather, in order to do juſtice to their characters, do hereby certify, that it is a ſcandalous, malicious, and infamous falſehood.*

1‖ *JAMES P. FARLEY.*

DECEMBER 10, 1776.

SIX or ſeven likely NEGROES will be ſold on *New Year's* day, to the higheſt bidders, at mr. *Worſham's* ordinary, *Peterſburg* for ready money. 2‖

WANTED, at *Hunter's* iron works, the falls of *Rappahannock* river, in the manufactory of ſmall arms, a number of hands who underſtand the file, alſo anchor ſmiths, blackſmiths, and nailors, to whom ſuitable encouragement will be given; where may be had, for ready money only, bar iron, fullers ſhears, files, and a variety of articles made in the iron branch, and where tradeſmen of every kind, who incline to ſettle, may have half acre lots of land at a ſmall ground rent for ever, and may be aſſiſted in building, proviſions, and materials, and the produce of their labour taken in payment for the ſame. Apply to *John Strode*, manager of ſaid works. (4)

*** Negro TRADESMEN in any of the above branches, alſo COOPERS, would be preferred on purchaſe, for *ready money*.

LOST by the ſubſcriber, living in *Auguſta* county, a penal bill executed by *James Montgomery*, with *John Montgomery* and *William Teemſter* his ſecurities, dated the 1ſt day of *June* 1772, conditioned for the payment of 67l. 10s. current money to me or my aſſigns on the 20th day of *November* 1775. As the ſaid bond was ſtolen with my pocket book and ſundry papers, on the *Kentucky* ſettlement, in the fall 1775, and probably may be offered in payment, or paſſed on a large diſcount, all perſons are hereby forewarned from receiving the ſame, as I never aſſigned it to any one. The obligors have notice of the theft, and are diſcharged from payment to any other than

1‖ SAMUEL GIVENS.

RUN away about the 26th of *November*, from on board the ſloop *Waſhington*, lying at *Broadway's* on *Appamattox*, *THOMAS TURKEL*, an *Engliſh* indented ſervant lad, about 5 feet 6 inches high, has a fair complexion, ſhort black hair, is much pitted with the ſmall pox, ſpeaks ſhort and quick, and ſubject to liquor; had on, and took with him, blue duffil coat and waiſtcoat, leather breeches, and ſundry other wearing apparel. It is ſuppoſed he will endeavour to leave the country, therefore all maſters of veſſels, and others, are forewarned from carrying him away. I will give a reaſonable reward to any perſon who delivers the ſaid ſervant to mr. *John Holloway* in *Peterſburg*, or mr. *Matthew Phripp* at *Norfolk*.

2‖ HILLARY MOSELEY.

TAKEN up in *Northumberland*, a large bay horſe, 5 feet high, about 14 years old, with a ſtar in his forehead, paces faſt, but has no brand perceivable. Poſted, and appraiſed to 10l.

‖ *Richard Claughton.*

BROKE *Elizabeth City* jail the 8 h of this inſtant (*December*) the mulatto fellow whom I advertiſed laſt week to be committed; he ſaid he belonged to *William Boles* of *New York*, and that his name was *JACK*, is 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, has a ſcar on his noſe, and had on common negro clothing.

1‖ JOHN M'LACHLIN, jailer.

TAKEN up in *Bedford*, three ſteers, *viz.* A red, about 5 years old, with a ſmall white ſpot in his face, a ſmall white ſpot on his off flank, ſome white on his belly, his hind feet white, marked with a ſlit in the right ear, a crop in the left, and branded on the off buttock Y. A dark brown, of the ſame mark, about 4 feet high, 4 years old, has ſome white ſpots, and branded on the off buttock B. A brown, 4 or 5 years old, about 4 feet high, with a good deal of white about him, has a bob tail, and is marked with a ſwallow fork in each ear. Poſted, and appriſed to 9l.

‖ *Enos Mitchell.*

TAKEN up in *Bedford*, a black ſteer about 4 years old, with a white face, his hind feet white, marked with a ſwallow fork in the near ear, and a ſlit in the off ear. Poſted, and appraiſed to 3l. 5s.

‖ *William Coffee.*

TAKEN up in *Dinwiddie*, 10 hogs, *viz.* Two ſows of a ſandy colour, one blue ſhoat with a white liſt, two black ſhoats, one red, one ſandy coloured, marked with a crop and ſlit in the right ear, and a crop and hole in the left, two ſandy coloured red, and one black, unmarked. Poſted, and appraiſed to 4l.

‖ *John Jones*, jun.

TAKEN up on *Patterſon's* creek, in *Hampſhire*, a black horſe with ſome gray hairs, about 12 hands and a half high, has had a fiſtula, for which he has been burnt on both ſhoulders, has ſome ſaddle ſpots, and branded on the off buttock ——. Poſted, and appraiſed to 7l. 10s.

‖ *George Terry.*

TAKEN up in *Buckingham*, a bay horſe about 4 feet 5 inches high, about 12 years old, has a few white hairs in his forehead, his mane hangs on the off ſide, trots and paces, branded on the near buttock M, and had a bell on with a leather collar. Poſted, and appraiſed to 4l.

‖ *Samuel Staples.*

TAKEN up near *Wicomico* church, in *Northumberland*, a large ſleabitten horſe, a natural pacer, but has no brand perceivable. Poſted, and appraiſed to 3l. 5s.

‖ *Charles Pritchard.*

TAKEN up in *Prince William*, a black bull with a white face, white feet, and ſome white under his belly; he has been uſed to work, is about 8 years old, but has neither mark nor brand that can be perceived. Poſted, and appraiſed to 3l.

‖ *James Niſbett.*

TAKEN up in *Amelia*, a black mare about 4 feet 7 inches high, 3 or 4 years old, with a ſtar in her forehead, hanging mane and ſwitch tail, and branded on the near buttock S. Poſted, and appraiſed to 9l. ‖ *Ralph Crawford Anderſon.*

TAKEN up in Caroline, *a bay horſe about 4 feet 6 inches high, with ſeveral white hairs under each ear, is ſhod before, and branded on the near buttock I. Poſted, and appraiſed to 6l. There being no ſigner's name to this advertiſement, the owner of the horſe muſt apply to mr.* William Harriſon, *deputy clerk of* Caroline.

TAKEN up in *Brunſwick*, a black ſteer about 4 years old, marked with a crop and half crop in the right ear, and a crop and ſlit in the left. Poſted, and appraiſed to 40s.

‖ *William Sims.*

THIRTY DOLLARS REWARD.

FREDERICK *county*, Virginia, *Nov.* 29, 1776.

RUN away on the night of the 17th of *June* last, from *Marlborough* iron works, *CHARLES WHITE*, an *Engliſh* convict, born in *Rutlandſhire*, by trade a ſtocking weaver, has been both in the land and ſea ſervice, is about 28 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, a ſtout-able fellow, rather ſquare built, has ſhort dark brown hair, a pug noſe, high cheek bones, and ſmall eyes; had on a narrow brimmed felt hat, a ſhort fearnought coat, coarſe country linen ſhirt and trouſers, old ſhoes, with pewter buckles, but, being a notorious villain, he may ſteal other clothes, and change his dreſs. The mare it was ſuppoſed he had ſtolen, and advertiſed with him in *June* laſt, is recovered, and the villain himſelf has been twice apprehended, the firſt time at *Fredericksburg*, where he had entered on board an armed veſſel by the name of *Johnſon*, from whence he made his eſcape, and has ſince forged a paſs; afterwards taken at *Mancheſter*, in the county of *Cheſterfield*, where he confeſſed the theft of the mare above-mentioned, and was committed to the jail of the county, but made his eſcape, and is now at large. It is ſuppoſed he will endeavour to enter into the ſervice of ſome of the ſouthern governments, as there was a recruiting party in the neighbourhood from whence he laſt made his eſcape; or, if poſſible, to the enemy, as he had uſed the moſt diabolical practices to corrupt the minds of his fellow ſervants before he firſt ran away. Should he be again taken, it is requeſted that he may be well ſecured; and whoever does ſo ſecure him, provided I get him, ſhall have the above reward, and if brought home, all reaſonable charges will be allowed by

ISAAC ZANE.

*** I want 10,000 CORDS of WOOD cut for the above works. Thoſe who incline to engage any part of the ſaid buſineſs are deſired to apply immediately to me, now in *Williamſburg*, or to the manager at the works.

TWENTY likely *Virginia* born NEGROES, from 9 to 13 years of age, will be ſold at *Fredericksburg*, for ready money, on the 10th day of *January* next. Mr. *James Lewis* will have the management of the ſale.

ALEX: SPOTSWOOD.

DESERTED from capt. *Croghan's* company in the 8th battalion, *HIGH GREEN*, about 5 feet 7 inches high, well built, has a full face, fair hair, thin and ſhort; had on when he went away an old blue coat, black ſilk waiſtcoat, and country linen ſhirts; and from capt. *Weſtfall's* company, in the ſaid battalion, *THOMAS M'DANIEL*, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, who had on a pale blue coat, a macaroni hat with gold button and loop, and plenty of other cloths. They are both tailors, and enliſted for the continuance of the war. They alſo enliſted in capt. *Richard K. Meade's* company, and took the bounty about two hours before they deſerted. It is ſuppoſed they have entered on board ſome of the row-gallies. Whoever apprehends the ſaid deſerters, and delivers them at head quarters in *Williamſburg*, ſhall have 5l. reward for each.

‖ JAMES HIGGIN.

TAKEN up in *Amelia*, near the court-houſe, a bay mare 12 years old, about 14 hands high, her mane about half cut off, has a ſwitch tail, ſome ſaddle ſpots, and branded on the near buttock M. She has a ſorrel horſe colt, a year old laſt ſpring, 4 feet 2 or 3 inches high, with a ſtar in his forehead, and his near hind foot white. Poſted and appraiſed, the mare to 12l. and the colt to 8l.

‖ *Richard Jones.*

COMMITTED to *Charles City* jail, a negro man 5 feet 3 inches high, who calls himſelf NED, and ſays he belongs to *William Stitt*, or *Stith*, living on *Yocomaw*, in *South Carolina*, near *Santee*; alſo a negro fellow 5 feet 4 inches high, about 22 years old, who ſays his name is JACOB, and that he belongs to *Joſeph Kenty*, living on *Santee* river, *South Carolina*. The owners are deſired to apply for them as ſoon as poſſible, and pay charges to

‖ JOHN HARWOOD, jailer.

STRAYED *or STOLEN from* Peterſburg, *the 30th of* September *laſt, an iron gray horſe 5 or 6 years old, 4 feet 8 or 9 inches high, with a hanging mane and ſwitch tail, one hind hoof ſtriped (if I miſtake not) ſome ſaddle ſpots, alſo bayiſh ſpots on the near ſide of his neck, no brand that I remember, trots and gallops, and is unſhod. Whoever brings the ſaid horſe to* Peterſburg, *or to* Vauxhall *in* James City *county, ſhall have 20s. reward, beſides reaſonable charges, from*

‖ *FRANCIS HILL.*

STOLEN from *Cheſterfield* county, about two miles from *Petersburg*, or rode off by ſome negro, the 12th of *November* laſt, a bright bay horſe 5 years old laſt ſpring, 4 feet 9 or 10 inches high, has a ſmall gray ſpot on his withers, is a natural pacer, was freſh ſhod before, and branded on the near buttock P. Whoever gives me intelligence of the ſaid horſe, ſo that I get him again, ſhall have 20s. reward; or 40s. if brought to my houſe on *Ward's* fork, in *Charlotte* county, near the court-houſe.

2‖ PERRIN ALLDAY.

THREE DOLLARS REWARD.

STRAYED or STOLEN out of the publick park at *Williamsburg*, about the 27th of *November*, a blue roan horſe 5 years old, about 14 hands high, a natural pacer, with a ſmall ſtar in his forehead, ſome white on each foot, ſhod before, and branded on the off buttock H C. Whoever delivers the ſaid horſe to me, in *Williamsburg*, ſhall have the above reward.

2‖ JOSEPH CROCKETT, capt. in the 7th regiment.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the ſubſcriber, the 23d of *November* laſt, a black mare about 13 hands and an inch high, very big with foal, had a very bad ſore a little behind her withers, now ſuppoſed to be almoſt healed, and a ſmall ſtar in her forehead, ſcarce perceivable; ſhe has no brand that I know of. Whoever delivers the ſaid mare to me, in *Williamſburg*, ſhall have 20s. reward.

PETER MYER.

STOLEN from the ſubſcriber at *Newcaſtle*, in *Hanover* county, the 9th of laſt month, a bay roan mare 5 feet high or thereabouts, 5 years old laſt ſpring, is lame in the right hind leg, which is very perceivable when ſhe trots, has more white hairs upon her rump than any where elſe, was ſhod round, but it is probable the thief will take off her ſhoes, to prevent detection. Whoever gives me intelligence of the ſaid mare, ſo that I get her again, ſhall have 20s. reward, or 5l. on conviction of the thief, if a white man.

2‖ RICHARD JOHNSON.

TAKEN up in *James City*, on *Chickahominy* river, a dark bay horſe near 14 hands high, about 12 years old, with a ſmall ſtar in his forehead, hanging mane and ſwitch tail, a few white hairs about the middle of his neck, on the right ſide, his off hind foot white, his mane hangs on the left ſide, paces ſlow, and gallops. Poſted, and appraiſed to 15l.

‖ *William Barrett.*

WILLIAMSBURG, *Dec* 9, 177

JOURNEYMEN *GUNSMITHS*. *BLACKSMITHS* will meet with encouragement from the ſubſcriber.

JAMES ANDERSON.

*** Wanted, ſome healthy *BOYS* as apprentices.

HAMPTON, *Dec.* 10, 1776.

SUPERFINE and fine BURR FLOUR, made of ſound mountain wheat, that was clear of worm and weavil, to be ſold here by ANDREW GIFFORD

*** I will purchaſe SALT.

GOOD encouragement will be given to two journeymen TAILORS, who underſtand their buſineſs, by applying to me at *John Carter's*, ſouth ſide of the *Capitol*.

2‖ JOHN LOGAN

ON the 10th day of *January* next, at the plantation whereon *Alexander Shaw* lately reſided, near *Monk's Neck* creek, will be expoſed to ſale the ſtocks of *HORSES*, *HOGS*, and *CATTLE*, belonging to that place. Six months credit will be allowed for all ſums amounting to or above 5l. the purchaſers giving bond and proper ſecurity to

J. BANISTER, A. SMITH, } truſtees.

For SALE,

A VERY valuable tract of land in *Louiſa* county, containing 827 acres, about 7 miles from the courthouſe, lying on both ſides the *Southannah* river, near one third of which is exceeding good low ground, and great part of the high land rich and level. There is on the ſaid tract a plantation in good order for cropping, ſufficient to work 10 or 12 hands, and about 50 buſhels of wheat ſowed, a dwelling houſe with two rooms above and below, and other out-houſes, alſo exceeding fine apple orchards of the beſt kind of fruit, which ſeldom fail bearing. A reaſonable credit will be given the purchaſer. For terms apply to mr. *Thomas Johnſon* near the premiſes, who will ſhow the land; or to the ſubſcriber, at *Albemarle* courthouſe.

‖ RICHARD ANDERSON.

WHEREAS *Jehu Crumpton* of *Amelia* county, one of the legatees of the eſtate of *John Smith* deceaſed, of *Glouceſter*, has, as I am informed, offered a negro man for ſale belonging to the ſaid eſtate, who is now in his poſſeſſion, we hereby forewarn any perſon from purchaſing the ſaid negro, as the eſtate of the ſaid *Smith* is not yet ſettled.

(2) JAMES SMITH, SAMUEL DAWSON. } executors.

THE ſubſcriber begs leave to inform the publick, that he now keeps the TAVERN at the *Bowling Green*, formerly kept by mr. *Wily Roy*; and as mr. *John Hoomes* has found him a good ſtock of liquors, and is to continue ſo to do, and every other neceſſary that the times will admit of, he intends uſing his utmoſt endeavours to give general ſatisfaction. Particular care will be taken to furniſh travelling gentlemen with every convenience for themſelves and horſes, by

‖ SAMUEL CURLE.

STRAYED or STOLEN from mrs. *Camp's*, near *Williamſburg*, on the 10th of this inſtant (*December*) a likely ſorrel horſe 3 years old next ſpring, about 4 feet 9 inches high, has a long undockt tail and thin hanging mane, a white ſpot, the bigneſs of a bit, on his left jaw, trots and gallops, and branded (though not very plain) on the near buttock, B T. Whoever delivers the ſaid horſe to mrs. *Camp*, or gives the ſubſcriber (living at *Todd's* bridge, *King & Queen* county, ſuch intelligence as he may get him again, ſhall have 20s. reward, beſides what the law allows.

BERNARD TODD.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Dec.* 5, 1776.

THE *General Aſſembly having paſſed* An act for appointing commiſſioners of *Oyer* and *Terminer* for the trial of criminals now in the publick jail, *and thereby directed that ſuch commiſſioners ſhall ſit for that purpoſe on the third* Thurſday *in* January *next, it is expected that all witneſſes who have entered into recognizances to appear and depoſe againſt the ſaid criminals will attend at that time at the* Capitol *in this city.*

EDMUND RANDOLPH.

PRINCE GEORGE, *Nov.* 23, 1776.

CONTRARY to my deſire, and expreſs order, my ſervant man JAMES BULLOCK enliſted with mr. *Robert Poythreſs*, an officer, he ſays, under captain *Scott* of the *Georgia* ſervice; upon which I demanded my ſervant of the ſaid *Poythreſs*, without effect. This is therefore to requeſt of capt. *Scott* to have my ſaid ſervant returned to me without delay or farther expenſe, or I ſhall certainly proſecute him according to law.

2‖ JAMES ANDERSON.

THE *marines belonging to my company who are now abſent upon furlough, are ordered to repair to* York *garriſon as ſoon as poſſible.*

(2) *JOHN C. COCKE, capt. of marines.*

PRINCE GEORGE, *Nov.* 26, 1776.

AS I intend to adminiſter on the eſtate of my late father, *Richard Bland*, eſq; deceaſed, at the next *Prince George* court, I take the earlieſt opportunity of requeſting that all perſons to whom the ſaid eſtate is indebted will as ſoon as poſſible make me acquainted with their demands, and they may rely I ſhall take the moſt ſpeedy ſteps to diſcharge the ſame. Without this information, it will be impoſſible for me to ſettle the eſtate ſo ſoon as I could wiſh.

(2) RICHARD BLAND.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

DESERTED from my company of the 2d *Georgia* battalion, the following ſoldiers, viz. PATRICK DUFFY, an *Iriſhman*, about 5 feet 8 inches high, well made, full faced, wore a ſhort blue jacket with ſleeves half worn, and it is ſuppoſed was in the marine ſervice. EMANUEL KELLY, country born, about 5 feet 8 inches high, a wheelwright by trade, is very fond of liquor, and wore an old hat, with clothes much worn. Whoever ſecures ſaid deſerters ſhall have the above reward, or 3l. for each.

‖ WILLIAM SMITH, captain.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD

FOR *ſecuring WILLIAM FRAZER, a ſoldier in my company, enliſted for the defence of the ſtate of* Georgia. *He is a ſlender made man, about* 19 *years of age, has ſhort light coloured hair, and ſaid he lived in* Hampton, *but was born in* Cheſterfield. *at or near* Oſborne's *warehouſe. The ſaid* Frazer *enliſted with me in* Williamſburg *the* 27*th of laſt* Auguſt, *and at his requeſt I granted him a furlough for* 30 *days, at the end of which time he was to join my company at* Newgate, *in* Loudoun *county, but has not as yet appeared. I will give the above reward to any perſon that ſecures the ſaid* Frazer *in any publick jail, and adverti*ſes *the ſame in this paper, or TWENTY DOLLARS if delivered to me at the above mentioned place.*

‖ *WILLIAM LANE, jun. capt.*

STOLEN from the ſubſcriber in *New Kent*, on the 27th of *October* laſt, a ſmall white horſe about 4 feet 4 inches high, his fore feet very much worn, has a ſhort dock, his brand (if any) forgot. Whoever brings the ſaid horſe to me, ſhall have 20s. reward; and if ſtolen, on conviction of the thief, if a white man, 5l.

‖ RICHARD CHAMBERLAYNE.

THE maſter and crew of the ſhip *Caroline*, taken by the ſchooner privateer *Harlequin*, and condemned as a lawful prize by the Court of Admiralty of this ſtate, are hereby adverti*ſed*, that they are to apply to *William Lux*, eſq; of the town of *Baltimore*, in the ſtate of *Maryland*, for payment of the wages due to them from ſaid ſhip, agreeable to a reſolution of the Continental Congreſs.

By order of the Hon. Court of Admiralty.

(4) BEN: POWELL, marſhal.

Garriſon at *York* town, *Dec.* 3, 1776.

I INTEND in a few weeks for the grand continental army near *New York*.

‖ WILLIAM DAWSON.

GOOD able SEAMEN will receive 5l. and an experienced mate 7l. per month, by applying to me at col. *Harriſon's* ſhip yard in *Berkeley*, county of *Charles City*. 2‖ JOHN KENT.

Williamſburg, in *Virginia*, *Dec.* 3, 1776.

THE captains of the ſecond *Georgia* battalion, now recruiting in this ſtate, are requeſted to meet me on *Tueſday* the 20th inſtant, at *Charlotteſville*, in *Albemarle* county.

2‖ S. J. CUTHBERT, major.

BY *order of the Hon. the Council, will be ſold on* Friday *the* 20*th inſtant, at* Peterſburg, *the ſloop AGATHA, burthen about* 3500 *buſhels, and a prime ſailer, with her ſails, rigging, and materials; formerly the property of meſſ.* Robert *and* John Shedden, *and* John Sym.

(2) *THOMAS SHORE.*

THE ſubſcriber has juſt opened TAVERN at *Todd's Bridge*, where he has provided every thing neceſſary for gentlemen and their horſes, and hopes to give general ſatisfaction to thoſe who will favour him with their company.

2‖ PHILIP PENDLETON, jun.

CAROLINE, *Nov.* 13, 1776.

SIXTY valuable SLAVES, conſiſting of men, women, and children, will be ſold at *Fauquier* courthouſe on the 4th *Monday* in *January* next (being court day) if fair, otherwiſe next fair day. The time of payment to be agreed on the day of ſale, but a large diſcount will be allowed for ready money; and purchaſers on credit muſt give bond with approved ſecurity, to carry intereſt from the date if not punctually paid.

8‖ GAWIN CORBIN, jun.

To be LET for one year or more, and may be entered on at *Chriſtmas*,

A *PLANTATION in* Culpeper *county, near* Muddy Run *mountain, with* 7 *NEGROES. For terms apply to capt.* Edward Watkins *in ſaid county, or to the ſubſcriber in* King William; *who has alſo* 3 *CHARIOTS for ſale, one of which is a very good one.* *WILLIAM COWNE.*

CUMBERLAND county, *Nov.* 22, 1776.

WHEREAS *Samuel Jones*, an apprentice of mine, did on the 20th of *May* laſt obtain leave of me to go down to *Warwick* county to ſee his mother, on promiſe to return again in three weeks, which promiſe he has not complied with, but has ſince that time abſented himſelf from his duty, I will give 40s. reward to any one who will deliver him to me, and I forewarn all perſons from entertaining him at their peril.

‖ MATTHEW LANGSTONE.

TAKEN up in *Dinwiddie*, a ſorrel mare 3 years old, about 4 feet 6 inches high, with a ſnip on her noſe, flaxen mane, her hind feet white, the off one above the footlock, neither dockt nor branded. Poſted, and appraiſed to 10l. ‖ *William Dabney.*

WANTED *on freight for* Europe *and the* Weſt Indies, *ſuitable VESSELS; which, if required, will be enſured.*

JAMES & ADAM HUNTER.

TAKEN up in *Hanover*, a red brinded ſteer about 4 years old laſt ſpring, marked with two crops and an underkeel in the right ear; he came in the parts a bull yearling, and hath rambled about till I took him up. ‖ *John Street.*

TAKEN up in *Northampton*, a large black and white pied barrow, with a bob tail, the fore part and rump black, white ſides, except a black ſpot on the left ſide of the back, marked with a crop and under bit in the right ear, and a ſwallow fork in the left; he is about two feet and a half high, and about two years and a half old. Poſted, and appraiſed to 30s.

‖ *Griffin Stith, ſen.*

TAKEN up at the plantation of *Richard Beale*, deceaſed, a middle ſized brindle pied ſteer, with ſawed horns, and branded on each of them G T; he is marked with a crop, two ſlits, and underkeel, in the right ear, and with an underkeel, overkeel, and a half crop, in the left. Poſted, and appraiſed to 4l. *Henry Gaines.*

TAKEN up near *Turner's* warehouſes, *King & Queen*, a bay horſe about 7 years old, 4 feet 6 inches high, has a long mane and tail, is galled on the ſhoulders, and branded on the near buttock M S. Poſted, and appraiſed to 12l.

‖ *Francis Gaines.*

TAKEN up in *Cox's* creek, in *Mecklenburg*, a dark brindled cow with a white face, ſome white on her left ſhoulder, ſome under her belly, and on her tail, marked with an underkeel in the right ear, and a crop in the left; alſo a bull yearling of a black colour, with a motley face, and ſucks the cow. Poſted and appraiſed, the cow to 50s. the yearling to 20s.

‖ *John Eaton.*

TAKEN up in *Orange*, a red cow with a middle ſized bell on, and marked in each ear with a crop and ſlit. Poſted, and appraiſed to 55s. ‖ *Samuel Brockman.*

TAKEN up in *Surry*, a large red ſteer, marked with a ſwallow fork in the right ear, and an underkeel in the left, and when feeding his right horn droops much more to the ground than the left. Poſted, and appraiſed to 2l. 15s.

‖ *Thomas Bland.*

TAKEN up in *Brunſwick*, a red cow, without any white about her, about 4 years old, not marked, and has a calf with her. Alſo a red ſteer about 4 years old, with a white face, a ſpot under his right eye, and marked with a crop in the right ear. Poſted and appraiſed, the cow and calf to 40s. and the ſteer to 40s.

‖ *John Ingram.*

TAKEN up in *Brunſwick*, a dark bay horſe colt 2 years old laſt ſpring, 4 feet 7 inches and 3 quarters high, with a few white hairs in his forehead, has a wart at the root of his right ear, his right hind foot white, with ſome dark ſpots round the hoof, and the hind part of his right fore foot white. Poſted, and appraiſed to 15l. ‖ *Colin Campbell.*

TAKEN up in *Loudoun*, near *Sugarland* run, three heifers, *viz.* One a brindle, another a pied with red ſides, and white back and tail; both marked with a crop in each ear, and a ſlit in the left. The other a black, with ſome white about her leg and the upper part of her face, and marked with a crop and ſlit in the left ear only; ſhe has a calf. Poſted, and appraiſed to 5l.---There was another red heifer came with the above, which is ſined dead. ‖ *James Coleman.*

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FRIDAY, December 20, 1776. SUPPLEMENT TO THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE. PRINTED BY ALEXANDER PURDIE. No. 99.

BALTIMORE, *December* 11.

Extract of a letter from Trenton, *Dec.* 3.

ON the 1ſt inſtant the enemy appeared on the oppoſite ſide of Brunſwick river, and began to play on the town with their artillery, but did little damage. We returned the fire from our artillery with great briſkneſs, which obliged the enemy to retreat two miles back. Our army are in high ſpirits, expecting to be reinforced to-morrow, from Pennſylvania, with a body of 3000 militia, a German battalion, and a number of field pieces. Howe's army is in a bad ſituation, and if they advance, which we are wiſhing for, we ſhall have a fair opportunity to give them a ſevere blow; particularly if general Gates joins general Lee, and comes on their backs, we have the greateſt reaſon to hope for ſucceſs. This day an expreſs has been deſpatched to general Lee, to haſten his march. Expect in my next to give you ſome intereſting and very agreeable intelligence.

By an officer of the Maryland battalion, juſt arrived from the American camp, which he left laſt Friday, we are informed, that general Waſhington, from intelligence which he had received from general Lee (then encamped at Newark with 13,000 men) had marched his army from Princetown and Trenton to Brunſwick; and that the Britiſh army, which had continued on the oppoſite ſide of Brunſwick, had ſuddenly retreated back towards Amboy, in order to embark for New York. General Waſhington, when he left the camp, had a ſtrong army; and it was thought the two generals would attack the Engliſh army, before they paſſed Amboy.

Yeſterday arrived here the ſhip Lydia, lately commanded by capt. Dean, bound from Jamaica to London, taken by the Harlequin privateer, belonging to this port. Her cargo conſiſts of 168 hhds. of ſugar, 30 tierces of ditto, 230 hides, 7 barrels of tortoiſeſhell, 9 mohogany planks, 12 bags of cotton, 3 hhds. 1 tierce, and 25 bags of pimenta, and ſeveral caſks of indigo, eſtimated to be worth upwards of 20,000l.

WILLIAMSBURG, *December* 20.

LAST Tueſday GEORGE WEBB, eſq; was choſen by the legiſlature to be treaſurer of this commonwealth, in the room of ROBERT C. NICHOLAS, eſq; who has reſigned that important truſt (which he filled with much honour to himſelf, and applauſe from his country) rather than forego his beſt ſervices, as a delegate in Aſſembly, at this critical conjuncture.

The five eldeſt Privy Counſellors were alſo appointed commiſſioners of Oyer and Terminer, for the trial of criminals; as were RICHARD CARY, WILLIAM HOLT, and BERNARD MOORE, eſquires, to be judges of the court of admiralty.

No newſpapers came by the poſt this week from Philadelphia, owing, we believe, to the printers (thoſe important vehicles of intelligence) finding it neceſſary to quit their poſts, with many other worthy inhabitants of that city, during the preſent troubles. We learn, that all the ſhops, ſtorehouſes, &c. are converted into priſons, and filled with the diſaffected people in the ſtate of Pennſylvania, who, more than probable, may very ſoon be made to repent their treachery and lukewarmneſs in their country's cauſe, eſpecially if America, with a becoming and godlike ſpirit, are determined to ſupport its liberties. The generals Waſhington, Lee, &c. are doing their utmoſt to counteract the deſigns of the enemy, thoſe foes to freedom and mankind; and it is hoped, from their approved valour and capacity, that they will be able to render all their ſchemes abortive, and fix us, as we ought to be, A FREE AND HAPPY PEOPLE.

A letter of good credit from Philadelphia, dated the 10th inſtant, ſays, that one of our armed veſſels had taken, and carried ſafe into port, a tranſport from England with 12,000 ſuits of ſoldiers clothes, 4000 wt. of gunpowder, ammunition, &c.

The elegant houſe of CARTER BRAXTON eſq; one of the delegates for King William, was unfortunately burnt down laſt Wedneſday evening, with a great part of the valuable furniture.

Beſides the ſix additional battalions on the continental eſtabliſhment, our Aſſembly have voted three other battalions for the defence of this ſtate, with 1300 ſeamen and marines, and the principal rivers to be guarded with ſtrong forts. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the free and independent people of Virginia will ſecond the patriotick views of their repreſentatives, by entering cheerfully into their country's ſervice, and thereby bring matters to a proſperous and wiſhed for iſſue.

Private letters adviſe, that a diviſion of general Howe's army was at Burlington, part at Trenton, and that another detachment had croſſed the Delaware above Trenton, the whole compoſing a body of between 12 and 15,000 men. That general Waſhington, with only 6000 men, was a few miles diſtant from Howe's army, at a place called Briſtol; that general Lee was to the weſtward, on the flank of the enemy, with about 4000 men; and that generals Putnam and Mifflin, with another body of troops, were in Philadelphia, throwing up intrenchments, and putting the city in a poſture of defence. The General Congreſs were preparing to remove to Baltimore.

IN COUNCIL,

WILLIAMSBURG, *Dec.* 17, 1776

CAPTAIN Nathaniel Gueſt having preſented a memorial to the Governour, lamenting the ſuſpicions which he fell under, with ſeveral of his countrymen, as having acted an inimical part againſt America, by aiding and abetting the Cherokees in their late hoſtile conduct, and deſiring his Excellency and the Council would make inquiry into the ſame, as a preparatory ſtep either to his acquittal or condign puniſhment, the Board accordingly conſidered the ſeveral depoſitions tranſmitted by col. Chriſtian to the Governour, and which had been laid before the General Aſſembly, and moreover examined col. William Ruſſell, major Evan Shelby, and Iſaac Thomas, upon oath, and, upon the whole matter, are of opinion, that capt. Gueſt is a friend to his country, and was acting in that character moſt effectually when he was ſuſpected of encouraging the Indians hoſtilities.

(*A copy*)

ARCHIBALD BLAIR, clerk.

In GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

THURSDAY, *Dec.* 19, 1776.

RESOLVED, that if any perſon within this commonwealth ſhall purchaſe more ſalt imported, or to be imported, into the ſame, than he hath occaſion of for the uſe of his family for one year, and ſhall refuſe to ſell the ſurplus, or demand a greater price than will be ſufficient to reimburſe him the firſt coſt, on the purchaſe from the importer, and charges, and 15 per centum loſs of meaſure, every perſon ſo offending ſhall be held and deemed an enemy to this ſtate.

A. CARY, Speaker of the Senate.
E. PENDLETON, Speaker of the H. D.

In GENERAL ASSEMBLY, *Dec.* 13, 1776.

RESOLVED, *nemine contradicente*, that it be earneſtly recommended to ſuch of the inhabitants of the ſeveral counties as are able that they immediately enter into aſſociations, obliging themſelves to ſee that all thoſe who exert their own induſtry in a proper manner ſhall be comfortably ſupported and maintained during the abſence of their huſbands, parents, or children; and as an encouragement to ſuch of the militia under the like circumſtances, as ſhall either enter as volunteers or be draughted when called for, to ſtep forth with becoming alacrity and reſolution in defence of the juſt rights and liberties of their country, at ſo important and alarming a criſis, it is farther reſolved, that the ſame exhortation be given to ſuch aſſociates to extend their equal care and attention to them and their families. And this Aſſembly doth give this publick aſſurance to all ſoldiers of every denomination, and all ſailors, entering into publick ſervice, and who ſhall behave themſelves well, that no endeavours of theirs ſhall be wanting to make every thing as convenient and comfortable to them as their ſtation may entitle them to, and the circumſtances of the country will admit of.

Reſolved, that it be recommended to the Governour, that he will be pleaſed, with the advice of his Council, to direct that immediate and ample proviſion be made for the comfortable ſubſiſtence and accommodation, as well in ſickneſs as in health, of ſuch ſoldiers and ſailors as are already engaged, or may hereafter enliſt into the ſervice of this commonwealth.

A. CARY, Speaker of the Senate.
E. PENDLETON, Speaker of the H. D.

An act for the puniſhment of CERTAIN OFFENCES.

WHEREAS, in the preſent time of danger, the ſafety of the people more eſpecially requires that all perſons who are ſo wicked as to deviſe the deſtruction of good government, or to obſtruct the operation of the laws, ſhould ſuffer puniſhment ſuitable to their crimes: *BE it therefore enacted by the General Aſſembly of the commonwealth of* Virginia, that if any perſon reſiding or being within this commonwealth ſhall, from and after the publication hereof, by any word, open deed, or act, adviſedly and willingly maintain and defend the authority, juriſdiction, or power, of the king or parliament of *Great Britain*, heretofore claimed and exerciſed within this colony, or ſhall attribute any ſuch authority, juriſdiction, or power, to the king or parliamens of *Great Britain*, the perſon ſo offending, being legally convicted thereof, ſhall be puniſhed with fine and impriſonment, to be aſcertained by a jury, ſo that the fine exceed not the ſum of twenty thouſand pounds, nor the impriſonment the term of five years.

AND be it farther enacted, by the authority aforeſaid, that any perſon who ſhall maliciouſly and adviſedly endeavour to excite the people to reſiſt the government of this commonwealth as by law eſtabliſhed, or perſuade them to return to a dependence upon the crown of *Great Britain*, or who ſhall maliciouſly and adviſedly excite or raiſe tumults and diſorders in the ſtate, or who ſhall maliciouſly and adviſedly terrify and diſcourage the people from enliſting into the ſervice of the commonwealth, or diſpoſe them to favour the enemy, every perſon ſo offending, and being thereof legally convicted, ſhall be puniſhed with fine and impriſonment as aforeſaid.

AND be it farther enacted, that all merchants, traders, and others, who ſhall

knowingly import into this commonwealth from *Great Britain*, *Ireland*, or the *British* plantations in the *West Indies*, any goods, wares, or merchandiſe whatſoever, except ſalt from *Bermuda* and the *Bahama* iſlands, and ſuch other articles as may be allowed by the General Congreſs, and all merchants, traders, and others, who ſhall, directly or indirectly, put on board for exportation, or ſhall export, any merchandiſe or commodity whatſoever to *Great Britain*, *Ireland*, or the *Britiſh Weſt Indies*, from this commonwealth, except ſuch articles of produce (beef and pork excepted) as may be exchanged for ſalt imported from *Bermuda* and the *Bahama* iſlands, and ſuch other articles as may be allowed by the General Congreſs, and being therefore legally convicted, ſhall forfeit all ſuch goods, wares, and merchandiſe, together with the veſſel or veſſels importing or exporting the ſame.

AND be it farther enacted, by the authority aforeſaid, that this act ſhall be publickly read by the ſheriff of every county in this commonwealth at the door of the courthouſe of his county, on ſome court day on or before the firſt day of *April* next, and alſo by every miniſter of the Goſpel or reader immediately after divine ſervice, at every church or meeting houſe where they officiate, on ſome *Sunday* within the ſaid time; and every ſheriff, miniſter, or reader, failing ſo to do, ſhall forfeit and pay the ſum of ten pounds, to be recovered with coſts by the informer before the court of the county where the offence ſhall be committed.

AND be it farther enacted, by the authority aforeſaid, that this act ſhall continue and be in force during the preſent war, and no longer.

In GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
Dec. 19, 1776.

WHEREAS the king of Great Britain hath waged war againſt this commonwealth and the United American States, and there are within this commonwealth divers merchants and others, ſubjects of the ſaid king, who while they remain here have frequent opportunities of ſeducing and corrupting the minds of the people, and are ſuſpected of holding correſpondence with and giving intelligence to the enemy:

RESOLVED, *nemine contradicente*, that the Governour and Council be deſired to cauſe all ſuch perſons to depart this commonwealth, by immediately putting in execution the ſtatute ſtaple of the 27th of Edward III. chapter 17th, againſt all the natives of Great Britain who were partners with, factors, agents, ſtorekeepers, aſſiſtant ſtorekeepers, or clerks here, for any merchant or merchants in Great Britain, at the time the act of the Britiſh parliament for reſtraining the trade of America, and ſeizing our property upon the water, took place, except only ſuch of them as have heretofore uniformly manifeſted a friendly diſpoſition to the American cauſe, or are attached to this country by having wives or children here; and ſuch ſubjects of the ſaid king, as ſhall ſatisfy the Governour and Council that they have not been able to procure other means of departure, may have their paſſage to any foreign port, in ſuch veſſels employed in the ſervice of this commonwealth as the Governour and Council ſhall direct. And that all, or any of them, who ſhall be found here after the time reſpectively allowed them to depart, ſhall be confined as enemies and priſoners of war. And for furniſhing the Governour and Council with proper information, the juſtices of the ſeveral county courts are empowered and required immediately to make inquiry for all ſuch ſubjects of the ſaid king reſiding within their reſpective counties, and, after due examination had, to cauſe a liſt of their names to be entered upon record, and direct their clerk to tranſmit a copy thereof to the Governour. And that a copy of this reſolve, together with a copy of the aforeſaid ſtatute ſtaple, be forthwith printed in the VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

A. CARY, Speaker of the Senate.
E. PENDLETON, Speaker of the H. D.

27th of EDWARD III. CHAPTER XVII.
A merchant ſtranger ſhall not be impeached for another's debt, but upon good cauſe. Merchants of enemies countries ſell their goods in convenient time, and depart.

Item. THAT no merchant ſtranger be impeached for another's treſpaſs, or for another's debt, whereof he is not debtor, pledge, nor mainpernor. *Provided always*, that if our liege people, merchants, or others, be endamaged by any lords of ſtrange lands, or their ſubjects, and the ſaid lords (duly required) fail of right to our ſaid ſubjects, we ſhall have the law of marque, and of taking them again, as hath been uſed in times paſt, without fraud or deceit; and in caſe that debate do riſe (which God defend) betwixt us and any lords of ſtrange lands, we will not that the people and merchants of the ſaid lands be ſuddenly ſubdued in our ſaid realm and lands becauſe of ſuch debate, but that they be warned, and proclamation thereof publiſhed, that they ſhall void the ſaid realm and lands, with their goods, freely, within forty days after the warning, and proclamation ſo made; and that, in the mean time, they be not impeached, nor let of their paſſage, or of making their profit of the ſame merchandiſes, if they will ſell them. And in caſe that for default of wind or of ſhip, or for ſickneſs, or for other evident cauſe, they cannot avoid our ſaid realm and lands within ſo ſhort a time, then they ſhall have other forty days, or more, if need be, within which they may paſs conveniently, with ſelling their merchandiſe as afore is ſaid.

In the HOUSE *of* DELEGATES,
Dec. 19, 1776.

RESOLVED, that it be recommended to the ſeveral county courts, that they proceed, in the month of January next, or as ſoon after as poſſible, to carry into execution the foregoing reſolution.

(*A copy*)
JOHN TAZEWELL, C. H. D.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOST, a ſmall *GOLD WATCH*, the maker's name on the dial plate, *Filon* A PARIS, alſo the ſame in the inſide. She marks the day of the month on the dial plate, has a ſingle caſe, and a plain gold ſeal. Alſo a very thick SILK PURSE, and 7 DOLLARS. 2‖

For SALE,

A VERY likely *NEGRO GIRL* about 15 years old, an exceeding good ſempſtreſs, and a pretty good flax ſpinner. Any perſon whom ſhe may ſuit may know the terms of ſale by applying to the printer of this paper.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Dec.* 18, 1776.

HANOVER town, *Dec.* 19, 1776.

WANTED to purchaſe, or charter to the *Weſt Indies*, three or four good BOATS, and two or three VESSELS from 90 to 150 tuns burthen. I will give the beſt wages for SEAMEN.

2‖ RICHARD BURNLEY.

HANOVER, *Dec.* 16, 1776.

THOSE whom it may concern are deſired to take notice, that no tobacco will be inſpected at *Crutchfield's*, *Page's*, and *Meriwether's* warehouſes, without the inſpection money being firſt paid, which is three ſhillings per hogſhead.

1‖ THE INSPECTORS.

AGREEABLE *to the inſpection law paſſed this ſeſſion of Aſſembly, the publick printer is ready to furniſh the ſeveral warehouſes with tobacco notes, paper*, &c.

THE managers for the MANUFACTURING SOCIETY in *Williamſburg* beg leave to inform the publick, that they are now prepared to receive apprentices to weaving, ſpinning, &c. Thoſe who wiſh to be taken in are deſired to apply ſoon.

RESOLUTION *of the* SOCIETY.

IN order to train up uſeful manufactures, and in hope of making ſome proviſion for the better maintenance of poor children, a convenient number of apprentices will be received in the different branches, who ſhall be bound to the chairman for the time being, and his ſucceſſours, for terms not leſs than five years. Each, and ſuch apprentices, at the expiration of their indentures, ſhall be entitled to a reaſonable reward, as their freedom dues, not exceeding 10l. nor leſs than 3l. 10s. regard being had to the time of their ſervice, and their good behaviour. And this ſociety doth engage that ſtrict attention ſhall be paid to the morals of ſuch apprentices, and that care will be taken to have them properly inſtructed, ſo as to render them the more uſeful members of ſociety.

*** *The ſociety are in want of ſome good WEAVERS and SPINNERS.*

WANTED for caſting cannon, for the defence of this commonwealth, a large quantity of COPPER and BRASS; and it is hoped every wellwiſher to his country, who has any of either, will forthwith deliver it to one of the repreſentatives for the county where ſuch braſs or copper can be had, who will be pleaſed to inform me thereof by firſt opportunity, that proper ſteps may be taken to ſend for it, and when a generous price will be paid to the owner. By order of his Excellency the Governour.

WILLIAM AYLETT, C. S.

THE officers of the 2d regiment, who are on the recruiting ſervice, are ordered to repair to this city immediately, with what men they have already enliſted; alſo the officers and ſoldiers who were ſome time ago indulged by general *Lewis* with furloughs, on account of their ill ſtate of health. Given under my hand at *Williamsburg*, this 19th of *Dec.* 1776.

ALEX: SPOTSWOOD, lieut. colonel.

To be SOLD for ready money, by the executors of Samuel Jones, *deceaſed, purſuat, to his laſt will, to the higheſt bidders, on the firſt day of* January *next, at the late dwelling plantation of the ſaid* Samuel Jones, *in* Prince William *county*,

A TRACT of LAND in the ſaid county, containing 400 acres, being part of the *Brenton* tract, and is about 14 miles from the town of *Dumfries;* alſo one other tract containing 200 acres, near *Reno's* ordinary, about 9 miles from *Dumfries*. At the ſame time will be ſold five likely *Virginia* born negro fellows, ſeveral valuable mares and colts, ſome cattle, and the crop of *Indian* corn on the ſaid plantation, with ſundry other articles.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER } executors.
JAMES GWATKIN, }

To be SOLD, purſuant to the laſt will and teſtament of William Taylor, *deceaſed, at his plantation in* Southampton *county, on* Monday *the* 30*th inſtant, if fair, otherwiſe next fair day, and to continue until all are ſold*,

ABOUT thirty choice SLAVES, ſeveral HORSES, ſome HOGS, near 200 barrels of *Indian* CORN, &c. &c. Credit will be allowed till the 13th day of *March* next, on giving bond with ſecurity to

1‖ HENRY TAYLOR, executor.